



An Empire Ball.

At a fashionable Southern resort, recently, a very well ball was given for some charitable purpose. The ladies all wore empire gowns, which are so in vogue just at present, had powdered hair, and court patches on their faces, and the gentlemen powdered their hair, wore wide ruffs, and were as much in the empire style as possible. About 11 o'clock the floor was cleared, and eight couples, wearing especially handsome costumes, danced the minuet. The effect of the whole party was picturesque in the extreme. It is many a day since Indianapolis people have had a masque or fancy dress ball except the annual balls given by the Mennerchor and other organizations. They are always attractive, and it is almost enjoyable to be a witness as to a participant. There is no doubt if some one would only start the ball rolling that people of this city might see some picturesque entertainments.

The Crinoline.

There has never been a fashion threatened which has caused so much talk as that of the revival of crinoline for women's skirts. At the Purim ball Thursday evening a party of ladies wore the much-talked-about article. In the grand march they were preceded by a little girl with a banner, inscribed "To be or not to be—the hoop-skirt question." In Chicago and San Francisco the papers have sent out their young women reporters to express public opinion. Everywhere there are people who make of themselves an awful example of the fashion, and very few have heard from a New York dancer, who appears nightly and dances with a hoop skirt. This is always followed by a repetition of the dance without the hoop, and the latter is unanimously preferred. The pictures in the latest fashion books and papers show widely distended, flaring skirts, with large sleeves and very high collars. The figures remind one of an hour-glass or an old-time doll pin cushion. There is a saying that "everything comes to him who waits." Time will tell whether the women of America are going to make themselves uncomfortable and hideous in the resurrected relics of war times.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pray are spending Sunday at Kokomo.
Miss Marie Johnson is spending Sunday with her mother at Kokomo.
Miss Mary Trimble will leave to-day for a week's stay in New York.
Mr. Albert, of the Roosevelt House, has returned from a visit to Chicago.
Master Rockford Shaw, of the Sherman House, is spending a week in Washington city.
Miss Brannon, of Kentucky, is visiting the Misses Mahan, of West New York street.
Miss May E. Ingraham has returned from a nine months' sojourn in the Tennessee mountains.
Miss Hannah Wright, of Richmond, who has been the guest of Miss Cora Abernathy, has returned home.
Miss May E. Dane, of Sidney, N. S. W. Australia, will today join Mrs. Dane, who is Mrs. E. C. Atkins's guest. Later in the week they will go to South Bend.
Mrs. Morris DeForest and children, and Miss Sue Winslow, who have been in Florida for several months visiting Lieutenant DeForest, will return home this week.
Mrs. Charles W. Jenkins, of North Pennsylvania street, will return Tuesday from a visit of several weeks to relatives and friends at Brooklyn and New York city.
Miss Jessie Ballard, of Fergus Falls, Minn., formerly of this city, will come this week to be the guest of the Misses Alice and Maryne Brown, of No. 600 North Tennessee street, for a few weeks.
Mrs. J. Edgar Hill, of Richmond, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Hadley, No. 477 Broadway. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Hadley have just returned from the West Coast, where they went to bury Mrs. Esther Black, Mrs. Hadley's mother, who died last Monday.
Society Events.
Miss E. Lemmen has gone to New York city.
Mrs. J. E. Jay entertained the Fearless Clover Euchre Club Thursday afternoon.
Miss Katie Andrews entertained the Southern Club very pleasantly Monday evening.
Mrs. G. A. Richard and Miss Lena Fertig have issued invitations for a euchre party Tuesday, the 14th.
Miss Maud Beck will entertain friends at cards Tuesday evening, for which invitations have been sent to friends living and absent.
Miss Maud Prier entertained a number of her friends yesterday afternoon, at her home on East Washington street.
The Parlor Club will be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Alfred F. Potts, at her home on East Washington street.
Queen Esther Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Samuel Stephens, 323 South Alabama street, Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.
The Marlowe Euchre Club was entertained Wednesday evening by Misses Marshall. The prizes were won by Mr. Will O'Connell and Miss Smith.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters are making preparations for an entertainment to be given on the 17th, for the benefit of the Newsboys' Home.
Mrs. A. F. Kleinsmith will hold her first post-natal reception Tuesday at her home, No. 253 East Michigan street. Mrs. Kleinsmith will receive in the evening.
Mrs. John Holliday Murphy will hold her first post-natal reception Tuesday afternoon, at her home, No. 117 East Michigan street. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Halliday will be at home.
The third concert of the Mennerchor, under the direction of Mr. Carl Barus, for this season, will be given Wednesday evening at Mennerchor Hall. The music will be followed by a dance.
Mr. Brenneke's Tuesday evening class will give their second party of the season, the 14th, and the Wednesday evening class their second party the 24th, at the Academy, on North Pennsylvania street.
The marriage of Miss Nettie Moore, daughter of Mr. Moore, of the Academy, and Mr. Frank R. New will take place Wednesday evening, at the family residence on North East street.
The Woman's Club, the Fortnightly Literary Club and the Katharine Merrill Club have invited friends to the Propylaeum Friday evening, to hear an address by Mr. James Lane Allen, of Cincinnati.
Mrs. E. E. Jackson and Miss Stella Jackson, of No. 44 Huron street, entertained a large company of friends on Friday evening, in honor of their guests, Misses Minnie Jones and Carrie Hayworth, of Columbus.
Invitations have been received for the marriage of Miss Bowman, of Schoolcraft, Mich., and Mr. Robert G. Brier, of this city, to take place Wednesday, March 15, at 5 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents.
The board of managers have issued invitations for the opening of the Katharine Merrill Club on Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 10 o'clock, at the corner of Tennessee and Eleventh streets.
At the "Over the Top" Club Friday, the subject of the evening was "The French Revolution in English Literature." The prize will be considered by Mrs. William Allen and the poetry by Miss Edith Daniels.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swiggett gave a progressive euchre party Friday evening to

about fifty friends at their home on North Meridian street. There were tasteful decorations in all the rooms, and handsome prizes were awarded.

At the concert to be given by the Ernestoff Quartette Club the 23d, one of the numbers on the programme will be "The Sleigh Ride," a concerted composition by Mr. E. X. Arena, of the School of Music. The prospects are for a crowded house.

Governor and Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. E. E. Griffith delightfully entertained the ladies M. C. B. Euchre Club, and included the gentlemen Thursday evening. Plants and flowers embellished the spacious rooms and seemed beautifully suggestive of the approaching season.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swiggett were host and hostess to a most delightful dinner Friday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Veen, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Frine, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barker, Miss Rindin, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Swiggett, Mrs. and Miss Hanna of Cincinnati, and others.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pray was beautifully adorned with potted plants, smilax and cut flowers Wednesday and Friday afternoons and evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Pray were at home informally, and their many friends accepted the opportunity of extending their congratulations to the newly-wedded couple.

The ladies who are at home to callers Mondays are Mrs. Henry Knippenberg, Miss Knippenberg, Mrs. R. J. Labadie, Miss Van Valkenberg, Mrs. T. A. Lewis, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Robert C. Dain, Mrs. George N. Caterson, Mrs. John R. Vye, Misses Soloman, Clara, and Mrs. H. D. Pierce. At the meeting of the Art Association Tuesday evening, in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. E. E. Griffith, of Terre Haute, will lecture on "Correggio, His Rank; Disputed History; Dresden Gallery Works; Sistine Madonna and Madonna of Sebastian in Mind of Hegel." The committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Gibson, Miss Jane Graydon and Miss Emma King.

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church, song service this evening. These numbers will be sung: Chorus, "Evening Hymn," "Sadda, choir; quartettes: "As the Main Falls," Allen; "Pity, O Savior," Canfield; "I Stood Outside the Gate," Vye; "Song of Praise the Angels Sing," Shelley; Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Morrison; solo, "The King of Love, Thy Shepherd Is," Gonnard, Miss Elizabeth Ketchum.

At the meeting of the Katharine Merrill Club, Saturday afternoon, there will be a departure from the usual programme. It is an "Ordinary Conversation," the subject to be announced upon the assembly of the club. Those who are to participate are Mrs. J. L. Ketchum, Miss Katharine Merrill, Miss E. E. Cleland, Mr. H. H. Holman, Mrs. Henry Coburn, Mrs. H. R. Allen, Miss Mary Ingersoll and Miss Josephine Robinson. There will be criticism of this conversation by the club.

Mrs. E. C. Atkins was the hostess, yesterday, for a handsome luncheon, given in honor of her guest, Mrs. Henry C. Dane, wife of Major Dane, of Sydney, Australia. The friends invited to meet the charming visitor were Mrs. R. B. F. Peirce, Mrs. Henry C. Martin, Mrs. John E. Cleland, Mrs. Eliza G. Wiley, Mrs. George Barbour, John A. Holman, Mrs. William W. Barford, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Edward F. Hodges, Mrs. Henry L. Wallace, Mrs. Joseph A. Hilburn, Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott and Mrs. May Wright Sewall. The table was exquisitely with its dainty napery and embroidery, and its overflowing bowl of yellow tulips in the center. At each cover was a card, the whole effect was gold and white, in harmony with the furnishings of the handsome dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knippenberg and Miss Knippenberg entertained a most elegant dinner last evening in honor of Miss Lyon, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lucius B. Swift. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock at a most elegantly appointed table, with roses and asparagus sprays. In the center was a pink vase of Mermest roses set in a circle of Malaga grapes surrounded with pink satin ribbon, with the guest's name in gold, and thrust through the knot was a pink rose. All the embellishment and decoration was pink and green. A dance followed the dinner, the ballroom being gracefully draped with vines and flowers for the event. A violin solo, nearly every one of the guests included Miss Helen Smith of Crawfordville, Miss Monies of New Vernon, Miss Van Gosen, Miss Mary B. Butler, Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Miss Florence Baker, Mr. Thomas Kackley, Mr. William F. Elliott, Mr. William Irwin of Columbus, Mr. Benjamin F. Johnson, Mr. James L. Harshbarger, Jr., Mr. John Butler, Mr. Edwin Eick and Mr. Horace Hord.

Among the notable observances of the year is the annual party which Prof. Henry D. Beisenherz gives, occurring birthday anniversary. The date of the President's inauguration is also the red letter day in the history of the Beisenherz family. Yesterday Mr. Beisenherz had all his juvenile pupils and young friends to spend the afternoon. There was much music, for piano and violin, nearly every one contributing his or her share to the pleasure of the others. There was a merry romp and a feast of sweets, and the children were in a state of jubilation. The adults, pupils and friends, who were in the room resounded with the melodies of Indiana, and the professor was generously remembered with many gifts, flowers and plants. He is one of the most familiar figures in Indianapolis, for he has waved the baton and drawn the bow in public for many years. He strongly resembles Hon. A. G. Porter, and is often called as "A. G. Porter's son." His genial manner and love for music have made him many warm friends, who do not forget him when the early spring-birthday anniversary comes each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson gave a delightful reception on Friday evening. The parlors were adorned with pink and white flowers, and the dining room was decorated with especially artistic decorations. The guests were especially artistic, the only pink tulips, and the second yellow. The center of the table was a bowl of pink carnations, while the center of the table, in the dining room, was occupied by gorgeous yellow tulips. Those present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Homer F. Frost and Mrs. Anderson of Bloomington, and Miss Belle Sargent of Edinburg.

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We have always made this a special feature in our Cloak Department. This season's display will eclipse any previous offering. Bring the little ones along and let them see the natty short Reefers.

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Grand display Monday; stock full of novelties.

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Tibbott will make Irvington their home and intend building this spring.

A delightful colonial tea party was given on Monday afternoon, by the Woman's Reading Club, at the home of Miss E. E. Cleland. The ladies were quite dressed in old-fashioned costumes and hair powdered. Miss Layman read an interesting paper on Washington, and a conversation followed on American history during the revolution.

A reception to the college students and faculty was given on Thursday evening by President and Mrs. Butler. The students showed themselves very skillful in the art of entertaining. Miss Jeffries, as Mrs. Butler's guest, read a paper on the most of the states being entirely new to the collection, and made particularly funny by the originality and invention of the performers.

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